

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Energy and Water Development Appropriations.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8129–S8243*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3013–3021, and S. Res. 349. **Page S8197**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1536, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to extend authorizations of appropriations for programs under the Act, to modernize programs and services for older individuals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–399)

S. 1925, to promote environmental restoration around the Lake Tahoe basin, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–400)

S. 2048, to establish the San Rafael Western Legacy District in the State of Utah, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–401)

S. 2069, to permit the conveyance of certain land in Powell, Wyoming. (S. Rept. No. 106–402)

S. 2239, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost sharing for the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan River basins, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–403)

#### Measures Passed:

***Energy/Water Development Appropriations:*** By 93 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 237) Senate passed H.R. 4733, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S8129–32, S8163–87**

Adopted:

Harkin Modified Amendment No. 4101, to limit to \$74,100,000 the total amount of funds that may be expended for construction of the National Ignition Facility. **Pages S8164–67**

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Reid (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 4024, to authorize the Corps of Engineers to include an evaluation of flood damage reduction measures in the study of Southwest Valley Flood Reduction, Albuquerque, New Mexico. **Pages S8167–70**

Domenici Amendment No. 4032, to strike certain environment related provisions. **Pages S8129, S8167–70**

Schumer/Collins Amendment No. 4033, to establish a Presidential Energy Commission to explore long- and short-term responses to domestic energy shortages in supply and severe spikes in energy prices. **Pages S8129, S8167–70**

Domenici (for Cochran) Amendment No. 4039, to provide for funding of innovative projects in small rural communities in the Mississippi Delta to demonstrate advanced alternative energy technologies. **Pages S8167–70**

Domenici (for Cochran) Amendment No. 4040, to require an evaluation by the Department of Energy of the Adams process. **Pages S8167–70**

Reid (for Breaux) Amendment No. 4042, to provide funding for a topo/bathy study of coastal Louisiana. **Pages S8167–70**

Domenici (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 4046, to make certain funds available for the Office of Arctic Energy. **Pages S8167–70**

Domenici (for Grassley) Amendment No. 4047, to direct the Secretary of Energy to submit to Congress a report on national energy policy. **Pages S8167–70**

Reid Amendment No. 4057, to provide that \$1,000,000 is provided to initiate planning of a one MW dish engine field validation power project at UNLV in Nevada. **Pages S8167–70**

Reid Amendment No. 4062, to provide \$4,000,000 for the demonstration of an underground mining locomotive and an earth loader powered by hydrogen in Nevada. **Pages S8167–70**

Reid Amendment No. 4063, to provide \$5,000,000 to demonstrate a commercial facility employing thermo-depolymerization technology. **Pages S8167–70**

Domenici (for Bunning) Amendment No. 4067, to provide that the Tennessee Valley Authority shall not proceed with a sale of mineral rights in land within the Daniel Boone National Forest, Kentucky, until after the Tennessee Valley Authority completes an environmental impact statement. **Pages S8167-70**

Domenici (for Stevens-Murkowski) Amendment No. 4068, to provide \$50,000 for erosion control studies in the Harding Lake watershed in Alaska. **Pages S8167-70**

Domenici Amendment No. 4069, to provide \$2,000,000 for equipment acquisition for the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology (IRIS) PASSCAL Instrument Center. **Pages S8167-70**

Domenici Amendment No. 4070, to provide \$3,000,000 to support a program to apply and demonstrate technologies to reduce hazardous waste streams that threaten public health and environmental security along the U.S.-Mexico border; and to provide \$2,000,000 for the Materials Corridor Partnership Initiative. **Pages S8167-70**

Domenici Amendment No. 4071, to provide \$2,300,000 for the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area Water Reclamation and Reuse project authorized by Title XVI of Public Law 102-575 to undertake phase II of the project. **Pages S8167-70**

Domenici (for Stevens) Amendment No. 4072, to provide \$1,000,000 for the Kotzebue wind project. **Pages S8167-70**

Domenici (for Stevens) Amendment No. 4073, to provide \$2,000,000 for the design and construction of a demonstration facility for regional biomass ethanol manufacturing in Southeast Alaska. **Pages S8167-70**

Domenici (for Abraham) Amendment No. 4074, to provide \$500,000 for the bioreactor landfill project to be administered by the Environmental Education and Research Foundation and Michigan State University. **Pages S8167-70**

Domenici Amendment No. 4076, to exempt travel within the LDRD program from the Department-wide travel cap. **Pages S8167-70**

Domenici Amendment No. 4077, to provide erosion and sediment control measures resulting from increased flows related to the Cerro Grande Fire in New Mexico. **Pages S8167-70**

Domenici Amendment No. 4078, to provide that up to 8 percent of the funds provided to government-owned, contractor-operated laboratories shall be available to be used for Laboratory Directed Research and Development. **Pages S8167-70**

Domenici (for Roth) Amendment No. 4083, to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to carry out any activity relating to closure or removal of the St. Georges Bridge across the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, Delaware. **Pages S8167-70**

Domenici (for Allard) Amendment No. 4085, to provide for an additional payment from the surplus to reduce the public debt. **Pages S8167-70**

Domenici (for Smith of OR) Amendment No. 4088, to provide sums to the Secretary of the Interior to refund certain collections received pursuant to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982. **Pages S8167-70**

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 4093, to set aside funds for maintenance and repair of the Sakonnet Harbor breakwater in Little Compton, Rhode Island. **Pages S8167-70**

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 4100, to direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to submit to Congress a report on electricity prices in the State of California. **Pages S8167-70**

Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 4102, to provide a greater level of recreation management activities on reclamation project land and water areas within the State of Montana east of the Continental Divide. **Pages S8167-70**

Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 4103, to modify the law relating to Canyon Ferry Reservoir, Montana. **Pages S8167-70**

Domenici (for DeWine) Modified Amendment No. 4034, to state the sense of the Senate regarding limitations on the capacity of the Department of Energy to augment funds for worker and community assistance grants in response to the closure or downsizing of Department of Energy facilities. **Pages S8171-73**

Domenici (for DeWine/Levin) Modified Amendment No. 4035, to set aside funds to carry out activities under the John Glen Great Lakes Basin Program. **Pages S8171-73**

Domenici (for Lott) Modified Amendment No. 4036, to appropriate \$10,400,000 in Title I, Corps of Engineers—Operation and Maintenance for Pascagoula Harbor, Mississippi, to continue critical improvement projects. **Pages S8171-73**

Domenici (for Lott) Modified Amendment No. 4037, to appropriate \$200,000 in Title I, Corps of Engineers, Construction, General for Gulfport Harbor, Mississippi channel width dredging. **Pages S8171-73**

Reid (for Graham) Modified Amendment No. 4043, to set aside funds for implementation of certain environmental restoration requirements. **Pages S8171-73**

Reid (for Levin) Modified Amendment No. 4051, to set aside funds to develop the Detroit River Masterplan. **Pages S8171-73**

Reid (for Inouye) Modified Amendment No. 4055, to include additional studies and analyses in the Reconnaissance Report for the Kihei Area Erosion, Hawaii study. **Pages S8171-73**

Reid (for Inouye) Modified Amendment No. 4056, to include additional studies and analyses in the Reconnaissance Report for the Waikiki Erosion Control, Hawaii study. **Pages S8171-73**

Reid Modified Amendment No. 4058, to provide that any amounts provided for the Newlands Water Rights Fund for purchasing and retiring water rights in the Newlands Reclamation Project shall be non-reimbursable. **Pages S8171-73**

Reid Modified Amendment No. 4061, to provide \$5,000,000 for small wind projects, including not less than \$2,000,000 for the small wind turbine development project. **Pages S8171-73**

Reid Modified Amendment No. 4064, to provide \$2,000,000 for linear accelerator at the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada. **Pages S8171-73**

Domenici Modified Amendment No. 4079, to make a technical correction in language relating to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. **Pages S8171-73**

Domenici (for Roth) Modified Amendment No. 4080, to make funds available for a study by the Secretary of the Army to determine the feasibility of providing additional crossing capacity across the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. **Pages S8171-73**

Domenici (for Roth) Modified Amendment No. 4082, to express the sense of the Senate concerning the dredging of the main channel of the Delaware River. **Pages S8171-73**

Reid (for Reed) Modified Amendment No. 4092, to set aside funds for activities related to the selection of a permanent disposal site for environmentally sound dredged material from navigational dredging projects in the State of Rhode Island. **Pages S8171-73**

Domenici (for Cochran) Modified Amendment No. 4096, to provide funds for Tributaries in the Yazoo Basin of Mississippi, and for the Mississippi River levees. **Pages S8171-73**

Reid (for Daschle) Modified Amendment No. 4112, to set aside funds for a feasibility study of the Niobrara River watershed and the operations of Fort Randall Dam and Gavins Point Dam on the Missouri River, South Dakota. **Pages S8171-73**

Domenici (for Allard) Amendment No. 4017, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the city of Loveland, Colorado, to use Colorado-Big Thompson Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial. **Pages S8178-80**

Reid (for Breaux) Amendment No. 4044, to provide funding for the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act. **Pages S8178-80**

Reid Amendment No. 4059, to provide \$3,000,000 for technology development and demonstration program in Combined Cooling, Heating and Power Technology Development for Thermal

Load Management, District Energy Systems, and Distributed Generation. **Pages S8178-80**

Domenici (for Crapo) Amendment No. 4089, to set aside funding for participation by the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory in the Greater Yellowstone Energy and Transportation Systems Study. **Pages S8178-80**

Domenici Amendment No. 4099, to extend the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to collect fees through 2005 and improve the administration of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954. **Pages S8178-80**

Reid (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 4110, to redesignate the Interstate Sanitation Commission as the Interstate Environmental Commission. **Pages S8178-80**

Domenici (for Stevens) Amendment No. 4111, to make available \$12,500,000 for Molecular Nuclear Medicine. **Pages S8178-80**

Domenici (for Grams) Modified Amendment No. 4041, to require the Secretary of Energy to submit to Congress a report on impacts of a state-imposed limit on the quantity of spent nuclear fuel that may be stored onsite. **Page S8180**

Reid Modified Amendment No. 4060, to prohibit the use of funds to promote or advertise any public tour of a facility or project of the Department of Energy. **Page S8180**

Domenici (for Thomas) Modified Amendment No. 4087, to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation water contractors in Wyoming and Nebraska that receive water from the Glendo Reservoir. **Page S8180**

Domenici (for Grams) Modified Amendment No. 4091, to provide funding for a flood control project in Minnesota. **Page S8180**

Reid (for Torricelli) Modified Amendment No. 4108, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to develop standards for evaluating dredged material for remediation purposes at, and to provide funding for a non-ocean alternative remediation demonstration project for dredged material at, the Historic Area Remediation Site, New Jersey. **Page S8180**

Reid (for Torricelli) Modified Amendment No. 4109, to set aside funds to establish a program for direct marketing of certain dredged material to public agencies and private entities. **Pages S8177-78, S8180**

Reid (for Daschle) Modified Amendment No. 4113, to set aside funding for an ethanol demonstration project. **Page S8180**

Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 232), Daschle (for Baucus) Amendment No. 4081, to strike certain provisions relating to revision of the Missouri River Master Water Control Manual. **Pages S8129-32**

Withdrawn:

Reid (for Durbin) Amendment No. 4105, to prohibit the use of funds to make final revisions to the Missouri River Master Manual. **Pages S8173–77**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Domenici, Cochran, Gorton, McConnell, Bennett, Burns, Craig, Stevens, Reid, Byrd, Hollings, Murray, Kohl, Dorgan, and Inouye. **Page S8187**

**King and Tsiorvas Pipeline Safety Improvement Act:** Senate passed S. 2438, to provide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S8225–41**

Gorton (for McCain) Amendment No. 4130, to incorporate additional provisions in, and make minor modifications to the bill as reported by the committee. **Pages S8231–32**

**Security Assistance Authorization:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4919, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2901, Senate companion measure. **Page S8241**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Helms, Lugar, Hagel, Biden, and Sarbanes. **Page S8241**

Subsequently, S. 2901 was placed back on the Senate calendar. **Page S8241**

**PNTR (Permanent Normal Trade Relations) FOR CHINA:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 4444, to authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People's Republic of China, and to establish a framework for relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8132–63**

Rejected:

By 30 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 234), Wellstone Amendment No. 4114, to require the President to certify to Congress that the People's Republic of China has taken certain actions with respect to ensuring religious freedom, as recommended by the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom. **Pages S8132–41**

By 32 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 235), Byrd Amendment No. 4115, to require the United States to support the transfer of United States clean energy technology as part of assistance programs with respect to China's energy sector. **Pages S8141–52**

By 13 yeas to 81 nays (Vote No. 236), Hollings Amendment No. 4122, to strike the provision terminating the application of chapter 1 of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 and the effective date provisions, but provide for accession of the People's Republic of China to the World Trade Organization. **Pages S8152–59**

Pending:

Wellstone Amendment No. 4118, to require that the President certify to Congress that the People's Republic of China has taken certain actions with respect to ensuring human rights protection. **Page S8138**

Wellstone Amendment No. 4119, to require that the President certify to Congress that the People's Republic of China is in compliance with certain Memoranda of Understanding regarding prohibition on import and export of prison labor products. **Page S8138**

Wellstone Amendment No. 4120, to require that the President certify to Congress that the People's Republic of China has responded to inquiries regarding certain people who have been detained or imprisoned and has made substantial progress in releasing from prison people incarcerated for organizing independent trade unions. **Page S8138**

Wellstone Amendment No. 4121, to strengthen the rights of workers to associate, organize and strike. **Pages S8138–39**

Smith (of N.H.) Amendment No. 4129, to require that the Congressional-Executive Commission monitor the cooperation of the People's Republic of China with respect to POW/MIA issues, improvement in the areas of forced abortions, slave labor, and organ harvesting. **Pages S8161–63**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 92 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 233), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill. **Page S8132**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and pending amendments on Friday, September 8, 2000. **Pages S8241–42**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Robert B. Pirie, Jr., of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

Frederick G. Slabach, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2005.

Valerie K. Couch, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma vice Wayne E. Alley, retired.

Marian McClure Johnston, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California vice Lawrence K. Karlton, retired.

David A. Nasatir, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2003.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy.

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—237) Pages S8132, S8141, S8152, S8159, S8187

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:32 a.m., and adjourned at 8:59 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., on Friday, September 8, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8242.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### STEM CELL RESEARCH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine the scientific and ethical

impact of embryonic stem cell research, after receiving testimony from Gerald Fischbach, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and Allen M. Spiegel, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, both of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; David A. Prentice, Indiana University School of Medicine, Terre Haute; and Micheline M. Matthews-Roth, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 12 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corp.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 1102, to provide for pension reform, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

An original bill, entitled, "Retired Coal Miners Health Benefit Security Act".

### INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Department of State Annual International Religious Freedom Report, which monitors violations of religious freedom engaged in or tolerated by governments of foreign countries and to promote religious freedom by targeting violators, after receiving testimony from Robert A. Seiple, Ambassador-At-Large for International Religious Freedom, Department of State; and Michael K. Young, George Washington University Law School, and John R. Bolton, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy, both of Washington, D.C., and Firuz Kazemzadeh, National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States, Alta Loma, California, all on behalf of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

### U.S. POSTAL SERVICE'S E-COMMERCE ACTIVITIES

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings on e-commerce activities of the United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from Bernard L. Ungar, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; John Nolan, Deputy Postmaster General, and Robert F. Rider, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, both of the United States Postal Service; and Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman, Postal Rate Commission.